

Bridgerland Back Country Horsemen – Meeting Minutes
Date: 3/20/18 Presiding: Kari Prescott, President Called to Order: 6:40pm

Chapter Business

Thanks to Bill and Connie for hosting us this evening!

Financial Report – Wendy Coombs

This is the treasury report on the banking information for February and March 2018 for Bridgerland Back Country Horsemen. The adjusted ending balance for January 2018 was \$924.79. February 2018 earned \$0.01 on January's balance, along with two deposits of \$165.00 and \$600.00, for a total credit of \$765.01 during February. February had one debit of a check for \$109.54. The adjusted balance for February 2018 is \$1580.26. To date in March 2018, there are two credit amounts of \$87.52 credit card amount and interest earned on February's balance in the amount of \$0.03. This brings the account balance to \$1667.81 as of March 19, 2018. There will need to be a reimbursement to Wendy Coombs in the amount of \$70.00 for rental of PO Box 544 in Providence, Utah on behalf of the club.

Volunteer Hours – Please take a volunteer hours sheet now and start tracking time you spend doing any work this year!

State Meeting Recap – Kari Prescott – See attached minutes from the state.

Trailer Sale and Purchase – We would like to sell the current trailer and possibly purchase a smaller trailer. Kacy Kjome has presented her old slant load trailer as an option for \$500. It is a good size, but will need a new floor and extensive welding work on the back end. Heather motioned to sell the current chapter trailer. Ron Auger seconded. Motioned passed. We will check with trailer dealerships such as Poulsens or C&R to see if they would be interested in trading us straight across for a smaller box trailer that does not need any work done. If they do not wish to do this, then we will place the trailer at Bill and Connie's will a For Sale sign. We will start the asking price at \$3500 and work from there. Once the trailer has sold, we will look at what purchasing options we have based on the amount the trailer sells for.

Summer Social – We have settled on July 13-15 for this year's Summer Social. We will have it at Franklin Basin. We will need volunteers for food preparation/camp host duties. At the social, we will discuss work that needs to be done on the corrals.

Activity Discussion

- **Saturday March 31st – Equine Chiropractic and Acupuncture Clinic** – Dr. Heather Nemanic will be coming up to do a presentation and demonstration on these techniques. This will be held at the indoor arena at the Cache Fairgrounds at 12:30pm. Due to a miscommunication, it was discovered that we will need the arena for an additional two hours, which may cost the chapter an additional \$40.
- **Saturday March 31st – Hardware Ranch Turkey Shoot Opening** – Kari will have our display at this event. Travis Sparks will be doing a pack demonstration. The event is from 10am to 2pm.
- **Trip/Ride planning**
 - **Yellowstone** – We have scheduled the Yellowstone trip for the weekend of July 6-8. If you leave Cache Valley about 3pm, you can be setting up camp by 7pm. We would like to caravan as many as possible, for those who have not been there. We dry camp on Flagg Ranch Road about a mile from the trail head. There are no facilities. Horses must be tied, hi-lined, or picketed. You will need to plan to bring all supplies for you and your horses. There is a creek to water the horses. The main ride will leave camp no later than 9am Saturday morning. The ride out to the waterfalls is about 10 miles from the trailhead.

Plan to be out and riding until well into the evening. Last year, we got back to camp about 8pm. Bring swimming suits, sandals, and towels to play in the swimming hole at the end of the trail! The trail is not difficult, but is a long ride and crosses the river four times each direction. Depending on your time available, you can ride again on Sunday, or head home if you need to get back to work on Monday. For a general idea of our location, we take I-15 up to Idaho Falls, and then highway 20 to Ashton, ID. In Ashton, we turn east and follow Flagg Ranch Road about 30 miles up to Loon Lake.

- **Uintahs** – This trip is scheduled for August 17-20. This trip will also require caravans. As with Yellowstone, we will dry camp with no facilities. We will be planning multiple rides to several lakes for fishing. This area is very rocky and will be more difficult riding. We will also need to be prepared for inclement weather. Last year, we were rained and hailed on almost every day, at least part of the day. We still had a great time though! More details will come for this trip as it gets closer.
- **Health papers clinic** – We have scheduled this for our meeting on June 19th. The vet and brand inspectors are confirmed. We need to start getting a count of participants for them. If you plan on going to Yellowstone, you will need to get your Coggins and Health Certificate in hand for each horse going, as well as have current brand inspections (if you don't already have them). For the Uintahs trip, you will just need Coggins and BI's. As we will still be in Utah, Health Certificates should not be necessary. **For those needing Brand Inspections who do not have paperwork on hand for their horses, you can still get the BI! Bring the horse and they will be inspected. They now have paperwork you can complete that states you purchased the horse legally and waives them of responsibility.
- **Other trips** – Dave Forsberg will look into the logistics for a trip to Plymouth and report back to us. Ron Auger will also be planning some pack trips. If you would like to plan or see any additional trips or rides planned, please speak up!
- **Other activities**
 - Judy Smith is the new Equine Therapist at USU. She has let us know she would be willing to do a program for us in May to explain the USU Equine Therapy program and give us a tour of the new facilities out on the highway. This is now confirmed!
 - We will need to plan clean up rides on the trails we maintain: Smithfield Dry, High Creek, White Pine, and Steam Mill. Kari will report to the USFS that we wish to keep these same trails. If you are going up on a ride on your own, and would like to spread the word for people to join you, please post the information on our Facebook page, or contact Heather, who can get the word out! Please be proactive in attending clean up rides this year and we can get a lot more done! As always, track your hours!!!!

Additional Business

- The Wasatch Front Chapter is hosting the **All Ladies Ride for August 2-5** at the Tasha Equestrian Campground in Fish Lake National Forest.
- Logan Ranger District meeting 3/21 at 5pm, at King Nature Park in Green Canyon. Kari will attend and report our trail cleaning preference to the USFS.
- The state is giving each chapter \$300 for a project, but we have to tell them what we're using it for before May. We decided to allocate this for improvement to the Franklin Basin corrals and facility. We need tools to do the work, clips to weld the fence rails together, materials to repair the gates, and possible materials to repair and reinforce the signage. Ken Pattinson will check with his resources on a possible donation of rock, sand, or gravel to help with the corrals and surrounding areas. These needs will be further discussed at the Summer Social. The work would most likely take place in the fall. Kari will compose a letter to the state to explain our plans.
- Our new PO Box address is PO Box 544, Providence, UT 84332.
- From Barbara Middleton - Did you hear about the webinar from the Equine Land Conservation Group? It is on Tuesday, March 27th, at 5pm our time, is free and titled, "Horse-Friendly Zoning Practices in American

Communities." I am going to participate but it might be interesting to some other folks in our group. You can learn more about it and sign up on this website, <https://elcr.org/event/winter-17-webinar/> . Could you pass along to our group members and the CC Riders? With how development is happening in our valley, I am concerned horse people are being heard for trails, trail access, education on horse etiquette, how responsible riders respect private and public lands, and how we can be involved in local decision making to preserve outdoor riding areas for equestrians.

Action Items

- Kari will take our trailer to dealerships for possible trade options. If they don't want it, she will place it for sale with signage.
- Kari will attend the Ranger District meeting.
- Kari will write the letter to the state presidency to explain our proposed use for the funds they will give us.
- Heather will have our PO Box updated on the state website.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR – PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES!

More details will be given as events get closer

March 31	Equine Chiropractic and Acupuncture Clinic – 12:30pm at the Cache County Fairgrounds Indoor Arena
March 31	Hardware Ranch Turkey Shoot Opening – 10a-2p
April 17	Chapter Meeting – Cache County Sheriff's Office (CCSO)
May 15	Chapter Meeting – Tour at the new USU Equine Facility with new Equine Therapy director
June 19	Health Papers and Brand Inspection Clinic – 6pm at Smithfield arena
July 6-8	Yellowstone camping trip
July 17	Chapter Meeting – CCSO
July 13-15	Summer Social – Franklin Basin
August 2-5	All Ladies Ride weekend
August 17-20	Uintahs camping trip
August 21	Chapter Meeting – CCSO
Sept 18	Chapter Meeting – CCSO
Oct 16	Chapter Meeting – CCSO
Nov 20	Chapter Meeting – CCSO
Dec 18	Chapter Meeting – CCSO

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 17th 6:30pm – Cache County Sheriff's Office – 3rd floor We will discuss ride plans, trail cleaning, and follow up on the status of the trailer.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:09pm

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